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Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" In answer to clause (b), the answer is 'no.' What difficulty is there in placing such an order on the table of the House?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" The Government Order relates to such a trivial and unimportant matter that they do not think it necessary to place it on the table of the House, Sir?"

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I ask, Sir, why the girls' school has not been shifted to the other building yet?"

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" I cannot give the reasons now."

Excise

Auction of toddy shops in Bellary.

* 424 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the four toddy shops of Bellary were auctioned in one lot this year in the month of July;

(b) if so, whether such grouping was being done in the previous years;

(c) if not, whether the system of grouping was notified giving sufficient time for bidders to realise the change and be prepared for it;

(d) whether such a grouping was recommended by licensing boards;

(e) whether it is a fact that in Kurnool, not only all the two toddy shops of the town but also twelve shops of the fourteen adjoining villages were grouped together and sold in one lot this year; and

(f) at whose instance such a procedure was adopted and what the reasons are for adopting such a course?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No shops have been sold in groups in previous years in Bellary. The group sale is, however, a recognized method of disposing of shops when the local circumstances indicate that it is desirable.

(c) The Government have no reason to think that sufficient notice of the sale was not given.

(d) It is not the duty of the Licensing Boards to advise on such matters.

(e) Yes.

(f) In the case of Bellary, the Commissioner of Excise; in the case of Kurnool, the Collector. In both cases because the adoption of the method seemed desirable in the interests of the Government revenue.

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Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government have accepted the auction of toddy shops in groups as a policy? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" The answer is there. It is left to the discretion of the Commissioner to do so when he thinks that in the local circumstances, such a course is necessary or desirable."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" Will the Hon. Minister state in what districts it was so done and in what district it was not so done? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" The question relates only to two districts. I have no reason to think that this has been resorted to in any other district. In the City of Madras also I think it was thought of at first."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" May I ask, Sir, what are the special considerations for adopting this system? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" It brings more revenue."

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—" Is it a fact, Sir, there was a loss in resorting to this grouping system at Salem during the year? "

The Hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" There was no loss."

Administration of Justice.

Recognition by Government of the Provincial Civil Courts Process Servers Central Committee.

* 424-A *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been received by the Government on behalf of the Provincial Civil Courts Process Servers Central Committee for the recognition of the same by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, when and what orders have been passed thereon and whether a copy of the order will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) Yes. In January 1934.

(*b*) As the body appeared to be a Central Committee of the various district unions and as the district unions themselves were not recognized by the High Court, the Committee of the Unions could not be recognized under the rules. There is no specific order issued in the case except the letter sent to M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur T. M. Narayanaswami Pillai Avargal on 12th September 1935. A copy [a] of the letter is placed on the table of the House.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I ask what are the difficulties in the way of Government not giving recognition to these unions and the Central Committee? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu:—" I think the answer is already on paper, that this is only a committee, as we can see

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